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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed August 13, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the TITLE of the specification with the following new TITLE:

-- TRANSPORTER POLYPEPTIDE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME --

In the claims:

Cancel claims 8-26.

Amend claims 1-7 as follows:

1. (Amended) A substantially pure polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 76% identical to SEQ ID NO:1, wherein the polypeptide is a transporter of an organic cation.

2. (Amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO:1.

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